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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 21-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 10/21/00	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/14/00
BRO-FRY	156,422	155,651
LT HENS	1,337	1,567
HVY HENS	1,834	1,501

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 14-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	293	9	302
LAST WEEK	427	0	427
SAME WK YR AGO	353	0	353
TO DATE 2000	19,022	304	19,326
TO DATE 1999	19,039	204	19,243

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,967	1,496	3,463
LAST WEEK	2,223	1,538	3,761
SAME WK YR AGO	2,036	1,620	3,656
TO DATE 2000	97,354	59,694	157,048
TO DATE 1999	104,615	57,994	162,609

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 14-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	150,464 (A)	1,674	1,487	3,161
AVG WT	5.07	3.55	7.91	5.60
LAST WEEK	153,977	1,796	1,538	3,334
SAME WEEK YR AGO	153,293	1,683	1,620	3,303
AVG WT	5.08	3.45	7.63	5.50
TO-DATE/2000	6,340,383	78,332	59,390	137,722
TO-DATE/1999	6,222,865	85,576	57,790	143,366

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.3 million head or 1.5 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 07, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	29,940	32,778	39,061
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.76	6.15
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	32%	38%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	30,162	33,451	41,850
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.75	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	32%	40%
 SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	 26,867	 35,085	 39,120
AVG WEIGHT	3.77	4.84	6.13
% OF TOTAL /1	27%	35%	39%
 TO DATE/1998	 1,319,883	 1,329,661	 1,610,799
TO DATE/1997	1,276,022	1,254,280	1,634,909

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 14-OCT-00
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,187	3,155	80	20	5,442
AVG WT	15.53	31.98	24.69	26.45	25.24
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,303	3,091	72	15	5,481
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,739 (C)		17	77	4,481
AVG WT	25.81 (C)		25.24	26.12	25.40
TO-DATE/2000	194,695 (C)		1,289	1,118	197,102
TO-DATE/1999	196,323 (C)		626	1,515	198,464

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000
and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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